

# Answer Key

## Synonyms

1. Excited
2. Calm
3. Identical
4. Dissimilar
5. Enlarge
6. Reduce
7. Vanish
8. Appear
9. Foreign
10. Native

## Smart Word Choices

11. D
12. D
13. B
14. C
15. A
16. B
17. A

## Confusing Words

18. B
19. B
20. A
21. A
22. B
23. B
24. A
25. B
26. A
27. A

## Manhattan – A Neighborhood Island

28. B
29. B
30. B
31. B
32. B
33. C
34. C
35. B
36. Manhattan’s neighborhoods are home to a variety of businesses that reflect the diversity of its immigrant population. For

example, Italian immigrants run bakeries, Koreans operate vegetable stands, East Indians sell candy and newspapers, Cubans have restaurants, and Russians open theaters. Each business represents the culture and traditions of the people who run them, creating a vibrant and unique community.

37. Manhattan is referred to as a “neighborhood island” because it is composed of many distinct neighborhoods, each with its own unique blend of cultures, languages, and traditions brought by immigrants from around the world. These neighborhoods, like patches on a quilt, form the colorful and diverse fabric of the island, making it a place where different communities coexist and enrich each other’s lives.

## The Life Cycle of the Firefly

38. C
39. B
40. B
41. C
42. C
43. B
44. B
45. B
46. A glowworm spends time eating and growing before it is ready to transform. When the time comes, it rests either underground or in a small room of earth above ground. During this rest period, the glowworm undergoes metamorphosis, growing wings and developing the distinctive markings of an adult firefly. After several weeks, it emerges as a fully grown firefly.
47. Most adult fireflies do not eat once they reach adulthood because their primary purpose at this stage is to mate and continue the species. Their flashing lights

are used as signals to attract potential mates, ensuring that the next generation of fireflies will be born.

**The Versatile Soybean**

- 48. B
- 49. B
- 50. B
- 51. C
- 52. B
- 53. C
- 54. C
- 55. B
- 56. Farmers trained soybeans to grow straight and selected seeds that were larger and softer, making the plants easier to harvest and more useful. This adaptation allowed soybeans to be cultivated on a larger scale and used for a variety of purposes.
- 57. Soybeans are used to make a wide range of products including foods like crackers, ice cream, soup, pizza, and dog food. They are also used in manufacturing products such as plastic, soap, paint, ink, glue, and even as alternatives for gas and rubber.

**The Mysterious Fairy Shrimp**

- 58. C
- 59. B
- 60. B
- 61. C
- 62. B
- 63. B
- 64. C
- 65. B
- 66. The fairy shrimp swims upside down and sometimes backward, which is unusual for aquatic animals. This distinctive movement sets it apart from other creatures in its environment and adds to its mysterious nature.
- 67. The eggs of the fairy shrimp are adapted to survive dry periods by drying up themselves. They remain dormant when the pond dries out and only hatch when water returns. This adaptation helps ensure the species can continue its life cycle even in variable conditions.